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and she said the facility is a wonderful service not only for the people of Elba but also for the people of Coffee County.

Whitworth also said she was working with the health department when the adult daycare program was started, and she saw just how important program is to not only the clients but also the families.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said he has spoken with Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer and they in turn have spoken with Governor Bob Riley. He said Holley and Spicer said the governor is for keeping the facility open and is looking for funding avenues.

Stephens made the motion to amend the budget to appropriate \$7,000 to keep the Elba Adult Daycare facility open through Oct. 1st. He received a second, and the motion passed by an unanimous vote.

"I visit this center often, and it touches your heart," Stephens said following the vote. "I appreciate everyone for voting for this."

In other business, commissioners:

• Approved the annual tax settlement report presented by Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns. Burns said a total of \$9,600,137.13 in property taxes was collected for the year. In presenting his report, Burns said land values have increased immensely over the past few years, and the county should expect a huge increase in taxes collected this next year.

• Approved a request from Aaron Estes, a member of a Christian musical group from Enterprise, to use the farm center facility free of rent for a benefit show for the community. Estes said 100 percent of the proceeds from this show will go to the Coffee County Youth and Family Services. He said a proposed date for the show is Saturday, July 29.

• Approved motions giving county engineer Randy Tindell permission to bid liners for roll-off dumpsters and to purchase five 30-yard roll-off containers.

• Approved a motion to allow New Brockton Mayor Charles

Cole's church to use the farm center parking lot for a yard sale on Saturday, June 24. However, the motion included an amendment that county administrator Wilson Mobley check on liability coverage for this event or draw up a document relieving the county from liability if no coverage.

• Approved a motion to reject all bids and re-bid the construction projects for the Zion Chapel Senior Center building and the NRCS office expansion. The county administrator said the bids received were astronomically high. Later in the meeting, Commissioner Linda Westbrook said she feels like things have been running behind on getting the Zion Chapel Senior Center built, and she would like to see things moving in a forward direction.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, June 26, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Happy Father's Day



Sunday, June 18th!

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THIS STATELY OAK TREE standing on Hickman Avenue near Lee Construction Company was planted by Mrs. Bonnie Ruth Johnson almost 65 years ago on what was known then as the John Brown Hill. Harold and Glen Johnson remember when their mother transplanted the small sapling from the woods to their front yard. The late Mr. Jess R. and Bonnie also have a daughter Norma Jean Parker who lives with her family in Tennessee.

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New law changes adoption requirements at Elba Animal Shelter beginning July 1st

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba's animal control officer, George Homyak, enjoys working to find adoptive homes for the dogs brought to his shelter, but he fears an upcoming change might make it harder to find people willing to adopt.

A new law relating to the sterilization of dogs and cats was passed by the state legislature and signed by the governor earlier this year. It takes effect July 1st and will have a direct impact on the adoptive process from the Elba Animal Shelter.

"I have mixed emotions," Homyak said.

Basically, the law requires that any dog adopted from the animal shelter has to be sterilized within 30-days after the adoption. If the dog is a puppy, Homyak said the owner has up

to 30-days after the animal reaches the age of sexual maturity (approximately 180 days after birth).

This law also includes cats, but Homyak said the Elba animal shelter does not handle adoptions for cats.

Homyak said the person acquiring the animal will sign a written agreement guaranteeing sterilization will be performed by a licensed veterinarian within 30-days after the acquisition or 30 days of sexual maturity. All costs of the sterilization will be the responsibility of the person acquiring the animal, and the person will present a signed statement from the licensed veterinarian indicating the procedure has been completed.

Failure to comply with this act could lead to a misdemeanor charge, and upon conviction, the

person shall be subject to a fine of a minimum of \$50 and not to exceed a fine of \$200.

According to Homyak, there is, however, an exception to the rule. He said the requirements of the act do not apply to any privately owned animal in possession of the shelter. In other words, he said an animal picked up in town because the owner is not following the local leash law will not be subject to the new sterilization law.

When the owner comes to retrieve his/her dog, Homyak said evidence of prior ownership should be presented to exempt the owner from the new law. However, he reminds owners there is, according to the leash law requirements, a \$25 fine to retrieve the animal from the shelter. To avoid being picked up by the animal control officer, owners within the city limits should keep their dog either fenced in or on a chain of at least 10 feet.

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Elba's animal control officer George Homyak remains committed to his department's adoption program. While he worries about the effects of the new law on the program, Homyak said he will continue to work to find adoptive homes for the animals. He also encourages those interested in adopting to do so before July 1st. As of Monday, June 19, there were just over 30 dogs and/or puppies available for adoption at the Elba animal control shelter.

State treasurer wants to reunite residents with their unclaimed property

Treasurer Kay Ivey visited Elba Monday, June 19, to announce 495 listings with Elba addresses appear on the unclaimed property database.

Each year, the state treasury brings in millions of dollars in unclaimed property, and Treasurer Ivey wants to reunite Alabamians with their unclaimed property.

"Unclaimed property can be in the form of uncashed checks, stocks, bonds, dividend checks, utility deposits and even items found in abandoned safe deposit boxes," Ivey said. "After a business has held unclaimed property for a number of years set by law, they turn it over to the state treasury and we hold it until individuals come forward to claim it."

Ivey went on to announce a record amount of unclaimed property was received in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. The state treasury took in \$80,049,824 in unclaimed property. In addition, \$13,840,514 was paid in claims to over 31,800 individuals.

"So much hard work goes into collecting these funds from businesses, banks and insurance companies that are unable to contact property owners," Ivey said. "All the hard work is worthwhile when owners are

claim it."

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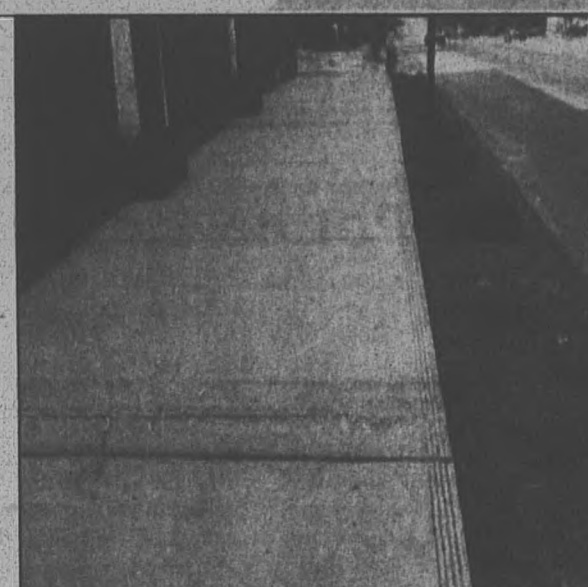


State Treasurer Kay Ivey (center) not only visited Elba Monday, June 19, to announce listings on the unclaimed property database, but she also enjoyed a "home-cooked" lunch at a local restaurant. She is shown above with Elba residents Greg Hanchey (left) and Jim Nichols (right).



CELEBRATING SIDEWALK ENHANCEMENTS...

The Town of New Brockton dedicated a recently completed sidewalk restoration project Friday morning, June 16, with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. Approximately 110 feet of sidewalk along S. John Street in New Brockton was completely restored and landscaped. Among those enjoying the dedication of the sidewalk during the ceremony were residents Virginia Dowling and Anne Haney. According to New Brockton town clerk Annette Williams, both Dowling and Haney were "very instrumental in getting this done." The project also was made possible by a generous donation from Ronnie Gilley. Above, Gilley (holding scissors) is shown preparing to cut the ribbon and officially open the sidewalk for public use. He is surrounded by (from left) Virginia Dowling, New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole, Margaret Lindsey and Fox Fleming.



The "new" sidewalk with landscaping is part of the town's overall goal to beautify New Brockton.

Motorists help two local fire departments "fill the boot"

The "Fill the Boot" fund drive continues to be a success locally thanks to the commitment of firefighters and the generosity of motorists.

On Saturday, May 27, two local volunteer fire departments - Elba VFD and Bullock VFD - each conducted "Fill the Boot" drives to benefit MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association).

Elba Fire Chief Danny Jordan said he and the entire department owe a huge thanks to all the motorists who helped the department raise approximately \$3,100 during the four-hour drive. During the morning, the members of the department set up various checkpoints at major intersections in Elba.

The Bullock Fire Department also had a successful fund drive with approximately \$5,100 raised. The department benefited from a checkpoint along Highway 331 (a major beach traffic route).



Volunteers with the Elba Fire Department set up checkpoints Saturday, May 27, at major intersections within the city for the annual "Fill the Boot" drive to benefit MDA. The four-hour event once again proved successful as the firemen raised over \$3,000. Shown above at a downtown intersection along U.S. Highway 84 are (from left) Chris Summerlin, Mike Tindell and Jeremy Sanders.

Due to dry weather conditions

Firefighters ask citizens to use caution

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Conditions continue to be dry with only limited amounts of rain chances forecast, therefore, local firefighters and forestry officials recommend citizens use caution.

Due to the weather conditions and limited chances of rain, Elba Fire Chief Danny Jordan said local officials are stressing the importance of using caution when dealing with fire producing items particularly the discarding of smoking products (cigarettes, cigars, etc.), grilling products and anything else that can become an ignition tool.

"We're requesting to burning whatsoever except in barbecue grills until sufficient rainfall occurs in the area," he said. "We also request citizens do not burn trash or yards due to the fact everything is so dry."

While it is no secret the weather has created dry conditions for the area, Jordan said many woods and grass fires are caused because citizens do not stop and think about the situation before they act. For example, he said many beside-the-road grass fires are started accidentally after a motorist throws out a cigarette or other smoking product.

Jordan also said the dry conditions make it hard to control trash or yard burning, and it is very easy under such conditions for the fire to get out of control.

Taking these things into consideration, he said the best way to keep from causing a fire during dry conditions is simply not to burn and be cautious when using any fire producing item.

In case of fire, Jordan also said citizens should not hesitate to call the fire department for help.

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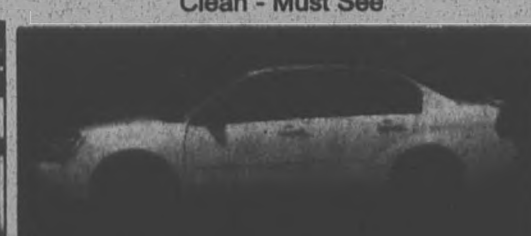
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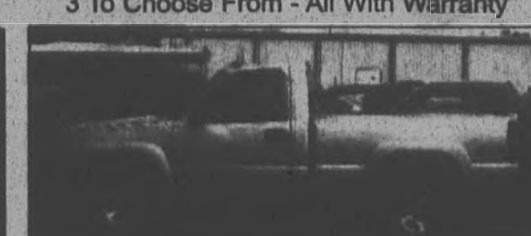
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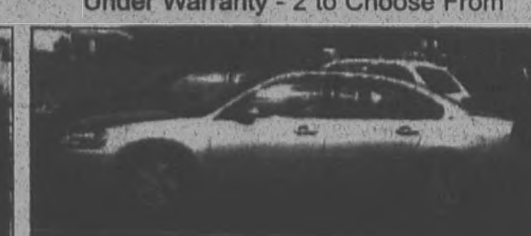
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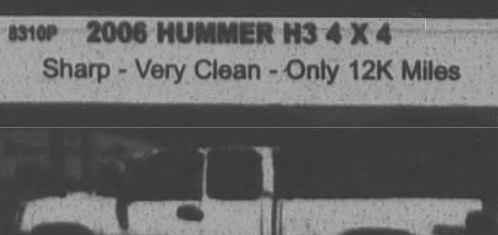
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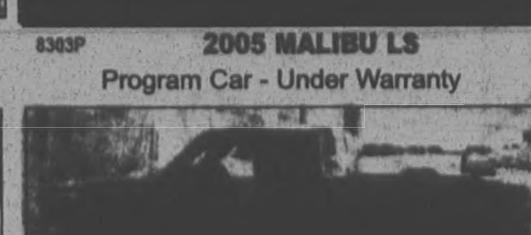
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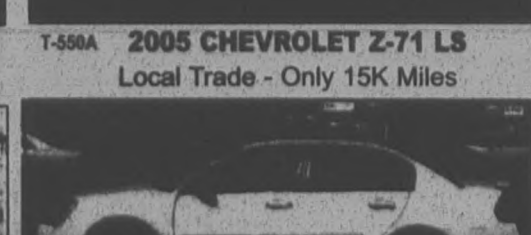
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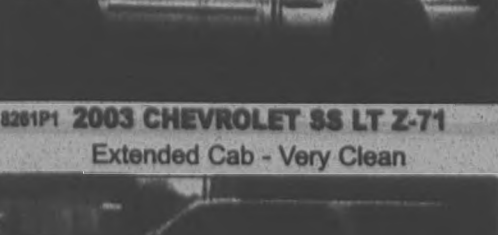
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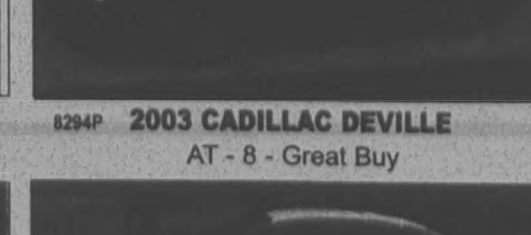
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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

A poll of 1,001 adult Americans was conducted June 1-6 by Harris Interactive for CNN. The questions were about opinions on who should, or should not, be the next president. Hillary Clinton came across with a lot of negatives, which was to be expected. However, she also came across with more absolute positives than any other candidate, but with still far fewer than she would need to win an election. We don't care for polls, but when one comes out like this, we shout with joy!

We were not in that Harris Interactive poll of 1,001 people this time, but are on their list quite often. These folks do a lot of polling about a variety of things. Sometimes it bothers us when there is no opportunity to voice more than a yes or no on their questions. Often we would like to explain why... but since there would be no way for their computers to classify such answers, it is just as well.

Over the years our writings, and mistakes, have upset more than one English teacher and just plain educated folks. In recent years the complaints seem to have tapered off, not because we have reached perfection, but probably because they have all given up on us. However family members have not yet thrown in the towel. Last week we wrote about "prostrate" cancer... really we were trying to write about prostate cancer. "Prostrate" means lying down - we should know that. It was our oldest son, Chris, who ventured where angels fear to tread and confronted the issue. However he was a diplomat and acknowledged, "I know it was probably a typo on your part, but it is still bothers me to see or hear that mistake." My typing was following the South Alabama speaking of the word, without me even thinking about it. Stop and think about it, the vast majority of times you hear it discussed, that "R" is right there between the "n" and the "t". The goal for perfection will be intensified a bit... not expecting to ever reach that point of no mistakes, but striving to show a trend in that direction.

Some friends were harassing us this week about our friendship with former Governor Don Siegelman and his federal court corruption trial. It would be a lie and an insult to your standards to not admit we too are upset by some of the testimony heard during this trial. It is bad if someone is making up untruths about good people. It is worse if all that stuff is true. Don't look for a written prediction on the outcome(s) of the trial, though we are loaded with opinions. The closest we dare get to guessing the outcome of the trial was written here previously and was repeated recently to one of the lawyers in the case. If the charges of "buying" board appointments with campaign donations stick, Alabama and the other 49 states had better start building more prisons - and big ones!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 12, and until Coffee County EMS dispatched to 360 Old Samson Rd. (12:34 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on County Rd. 137 (5:03 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a (standby) for the medivac helicopter (7:49 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a (woods) fire at 11754 Hwy. 87 S. (8:47 p.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at 1591 Caroline St. (9:26 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 - Possible prowler reported at 1499 Claxton Ave. (9:05 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a business on Davis St. (2:35 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 - Reports of a gun being discharged near Washington Ave. and Riverview Dr. (7:40 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported in the area of Mulberry park (8:02 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 - Fight in progress reported at 1409 Jones St. (12:22 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 1591 Caroline St. (4:28 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 669 Reynolds (6:41 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1015 Parris (11:52 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a (structure) fire at 164 County Rd. 239 (3:28 p.m.); Elba Fire Dept. dispatched to a (grass) fire at the intersection of Herman Driggers Dr. and Hwy. 125 (3:59 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Elba Villas (5:05 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 1036 Hickman Ave. (6:28 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a (tree) fire on Caroline St. (12:25 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a (grass) fire on Hwy. 141 (3:32 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 - Coffee County EMS dispatched

Alabama's unemployment rate remains low at 3.6 percent

Alabama's unemployment rate in May remained low at 3.6 percent, unchanged from its rate recorded in April. The state

Wilson joins The Peoples Bank of Coffee County

Kelly Baxter, president and CEO of The Peoples Bank of Coffee County, has announced that Tina Wilson has joined PBCC as a loan officer, working primarily in the Elba area.

Wilson comes to The Peoples Bank of Coffee County with a proven background in retail sales and over 11 years of experience in the field of banking.

With strong family ties to the Ozark area, Wilson is married to husband, Damon, and they are the parents of two daughters. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Samson.

In her spare time, Wilson is an avid horsewoman who races horses and is a member of the National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA).

"We are very excited about Tina joining the PBCC family," said Baxter. "With her successful background in banking and her fresh perspective, I know Tina is a very good match for The Peoples Bank."

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continued having a lower unemployment rate than the comparable national rate, which was 4.6 percent in May.

"Alabama continues to be one of the nation's leaders in job creation," Governor Bob Riley said.

"Our unemployment rate remains at historically low levels, and we saw employment grow by another 3,300 jobs over the past month. During the past 12 months the economy has added almost 36,000 new jobs

in Alabama."

Nationally, only 11 states recorded lower unemployment rates than Alabama in May.

A year ago, the state's unemployment rate was 4.0 percent.

Wage and salary employment in Alabama totaled 1,984,300 in May. May's rate represented 78,218 unemployed, compared to 78,505 a month earlier in April and 86,021 unemployed a year ago in May 2005.

At 2.0 percent, Shelby County

had the state's lowest unemployment rate in May. Wilcox County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate - 6.6 percent.

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• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Courtroom: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.

• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall.

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall.

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office.

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.

• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.

• **OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5558.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.

• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po Folks, Enterprise.

• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Thursday at 5 PM, the FBO office at the Airport.

• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room.

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Obituaries

EDLOW OGLESBY

Mr. Edlow Oglesby, age 75, of Brundidge, Ala., died Sunday, June 11, 2006, at Elba General Hospital in Elba, Ala.

Graveside memorial services were held June 16, 2006 at St. John Cemetery with Reverend Mart Gray officiating. Hayes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Oglesby was preceded in death by his father, Jack Oglesby; and mother, Thelma Oglesby; two sisters, Beulah Corley and Juanita Rhodes; and a brother, Douglas Oglesby.

Survivors include one daughter: Jan Wicker, Elba; one son: Eddie Oglesby, New Brockton, Ala.; one sister: Maude Sheffield, Brundidge; two brothers: Shelby Oglesby and Alto Oglesby, both of Brundidge; two grandsons: Scott Oglesby, Jack, Ala., Mark Wicker, Troy, Ala.; and granddaughters: Heather Godwin, Robertsdale, Ala., and Amanda Long, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mr. Edwin Claude Nevin, age 93, of Kinston, Ala., died Monday, June 19, 2006 in a local hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at Wyatt Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Curtis Edward Britton officiating. Burial followed in Peaceful Acres Memorial Gardens with Wyatt Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Gladys Price Nevin; one daughter: Annette Nevin (husband Richard) Shelby; one son: Edward Haskell (wife Martha Elizabeth) Nevin; his grandchildren: Richard Craig Shelby, Claude Nevin Shelby and Edward Bradshaw Nevin; and great-grandchildren: Anna Elizabeth Shelby and William Nevin Shelby.

ANNE DAVIS PA
Mrs. Annie Davis Pa, age 44, of Enterprise, Ala., died Sunday, June 11, 2006.

Funeral services were held June 17, 2006 at St. John MB Church in New Hope, Ala., with Arch Bishop Carl McComb officiating. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Keyonna was preceded in death by her grandmother, Annie Davis Pa.

Survivors include her parents: Tina Davis, Enterprise, and John Walton, Daleville, Ala.; her grandparents: Ruthie Taylor Arizona, Morris Smith and Dennis Johnson, of Enterprise; great-grandparents: Louvenia Davis, Ozark, Ala.; Florace and Mary Smith, Clio, Ala.; and her great-great-grandparents: Janie Ganton, Clio, and Emma Lee Davis, Brundidge, Ala.

LAWRENCE A. STOKES
Mr. Lawrence A. Stokes, age 70, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, June 18, 2006, at his residence.

Funeral services were held June 21, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Melvin Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes

Funeral Home directing. Mr. Stokes was preceded in death by his parents, Lillie Viola Milton and Joseph Clarence Stokes; and two brothers, L.C. Stokes and Clayton Stokes.

Survivors include his wife: Loretta Wharton Stokes, Elba; two daughters: Victoria McCormick, Moseley, Va., Carla Marie Mauldin, Elba; four sons: Lawrence A. "Buddy" Stokes Jr., Wildwood, Fla., Michael Lee Stokes, Oxford, Fla., Brian Hays and John Kevin Hays, both of Elba; one brother, Edwin Stokes, Madeira Beach, Fla.; three sisters: Juanita Shipp, Floral City, Fla., Delores Venero, Inverness, Fla., Barbara Rodgers, Summerland Key, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her mother, Brittany Danielle Kennedy, and her father, Ashley Scott LeGear, New Brockton; maternal grandmother, Carla Jean Helton and maternal grandfather, Gordon Helton, Enterprise, Ala.; paternal grandmother, Bridget Amanda LeGear, Opp, Ala.; maternal great-grandmother, Shirley Kennedy and maternal great-grandfather, Kemble K. Kennedy Jr., Springfield, Mo.; maternal great-grandmother, Doris Simmons and maternal great-grandfather, George Simmons, Derider, La.; paternal great-grandmother, Mavis I. LeGear, Brantley, Ala.; paternal great-grandmother, Lou Emma Creech and paternal great-grandfather, Roy

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Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While I always feel good on Father's Day and especially enjoy getting the hugs and cards from my girls, it is also a sad day because it makes me sit down and realize just how much I miss my own Dad. Daddy had been plagued with heart problems for years late in his life and it was decided the only way he could get back to a normal life was to have a third heart valve replacement. While he passed away on the operating table and left us all in shock on that fateful day, I will forever be thankful that the night before the operation I went into the intensive care unit, gave him a kiss and told him how much I loved him. I miss him even more today than I did years ago, but know one day we will walk together again and he will match me step for step and once again I will tell him how much I love him.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association changed a rule a few years back that allows high school coaches to work on conditioning with their student-athletes throughout the summer, and while the rule change didn't seem all that important when it was passed, it has now become a major problem for many student-athletes that wish to participate in summer sports, get summer jobs and even take vacations with their families. The change has resulted in several baseball players to leave their summer teams in many cities, while in one nearby city the beginning of summer football workouts even led to the team calling it quits. Here in Elba the change has caused some headaches for parents and students as the youngsters try to juggle a busy summer with having to make a required number of coach-supervised workouts. Some boys and girls are having to leave work early to make the workouts, while I know a couple of younger girls that are having to try and make their workouts while also going to cheerleader practice, going to volleyball practice and practicing softball with their teams. I know high school sports is important and that the players need an off-season program to be successful. However, the kids also need a life and I am afraid that unless changes are made many will make a choice between one and the other in the years to come, and the loser may be the school.

*** In closing.... The youth baseball and softball regular seasons may be over, but for many boys and girls in Elba and the surrounding area the summer is just now getting going. Elba will have eight All-Star teams taking part in post-season tournaments in the days and weeks to come, while dozens of players are playing on various travel teams and are spending their weekends on the road gaining valuable experience competing against other teams from all across the South. The only thing that might slow things down will be the opening of school in early-August.

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Adkinson tosses two no-hitters

West Coffee off to fast start in Dixie Pre-Majors

The West Coffee baseball team hit the field for four double-headers last week and enjoyed a winning week as it claimed six wins to push its record to 7-4 on the season, in Dixie Pre-Majors Baseball action.

Following are the highlights of last week's action:

West Coffee 3 Enterprise Braves 0 - West Coffee pulled ahead early and held on late to claim a 3-0 win over the Enterprise Braves. Matt Brunson reached on a walk and later scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Shane Adkinson to give West Coffee a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first, while consecutive hits by Matt Brunson, Bradley Wilson and Shane Adkinson resulted in two runs in the third as it pulled ahead and coasted in with the 3-0 win. Bradley Wilson had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead West Coffee, while Matt Brunson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Shane Adkinson and Zack Stephens both added 1 hit. Shane Adkinson was the winning pitcher as he pitched four innings and allowed no runs on one hit, with 11 strike-outs.

Enterprise Phillies 6 West Coffee 5 - West Coffee saw a late rally fall short in a 6-5 loss to the Enterprise Phillies. Ethan Mount singled and later scored on a bases-loaded walk to Joe Davis as West Coffee grabbed

an early 1-0 lead, while it added one run in both the second and third innings to pull even at 3-3, with key hits being a triple by Bradley Wilson and a single by Shane Adkinson. West Coffee trailed 6-3 heading into its final at-bat and rallied behind the hitting of Matt Brunson to score two runs, only to fall one run short. Ethan Mount, Matt Brunson, Bradley Wilson and Shane Adkinson all had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead West Coffee at the plate.

Kinston 4 West Coffee 1 - West Coffee managed only one run on seven hits in a 4-1 loss to the Kinston Junior Legion. Hits by Joe Davis and Zack Stephens helped West Coffee pull even at 1-1 in the second, but it failed to score again as it absorbed the 4-1 setback. Joe Davis had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead West Coffee, while Ethan Mount, Matt Brunson, Bradley Wilson, Shane Adkinson and Zack Stephens all added 1 hit.

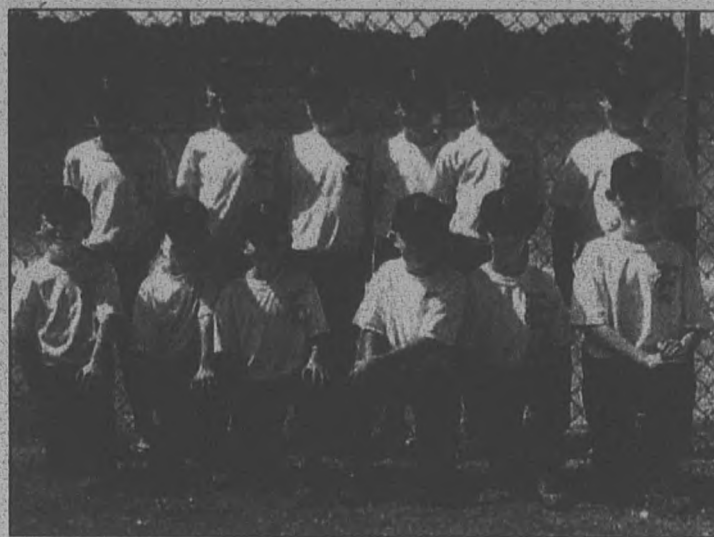
West Coffee 7 Kinston 4 - West Coffee salvaged a split of the double-header with a 7-4 win over the Kinston Junior Legion. Shane Adkinson delivered an rbi single in the first inning to put West Coffee on top 1-0, while Ryan McCollough, Ethan Mount and Matt Brunson all had key hits in the second as its lead grew to 5-0. An rbi single by Mount pushed the West Coffee lead to 6-0 in the third

and it easily held on to take the 7-4 win. Shane Adkinson had 2 hits, including a home-run, scored one run and had 2 rbi's to spark West Coffee, while Zack Stephens, Richard Cooks and Dylan McCollough all added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

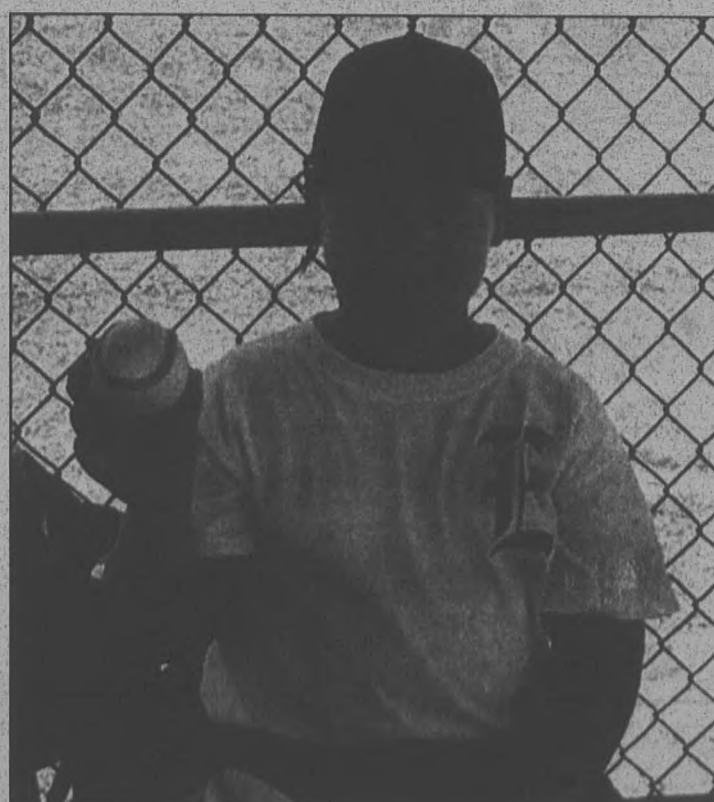
West Coffee 9 Brundidge 0 - West Coffee pulled ahead early and pulled away late to post a big 9-0 win over Brundidge. An rbi single by Dylan McCollough gave West Coffee an early 1-0 lead, while Matt Brunson, Shane Adkinson, Chase Boutwell and Richard Cooks all had big hits in an 8-run fourth that sealed the win. Richard Cooks had 1 hit, scored 1 run and knocked in 2 runs to lead West Coffee, while Matt Brunson and Chase Boutwell both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Shane Adkinson added 1 hit. Shane Adkinson tossed his second no-hitter of the season as he pitched five innings and allowed no runs, no hits and struck out 10 batters.

West Coffee 2 Brundidge 0 - West Coffee completed the two-game sweep with a 2-0 win over Brundidge. Both runs came in the third inning when West Coffee used a key bases-loaded single by Zack Stephens to plate two runs. Zack Stephens had 1 hit, knocked in 2 runs and tossed a four-hit shut-out with 5 strike-outs to lead West Coffee, while Bradley Wilson and Richard Cooks both added 1 hit.

West Coffee 13 Enterprise Phillies 1 - West Coffee got revenge for an earlier loss by rolling past the Enterprise Phillies 13-1. West Coffee combined 2 hits by Shane Adkinson with a single by Dylan McCollough and four walks to grab a quick 11-0 lead in the first inning, and added two late runs behind the hitting of Shane Adkinson and Zack Stephens to



ELBA COACH-PITCH TIGERS... This tournament team comprised of boys from the Elba Coach-Pitch Baseball League recently placed fourth in a 13-team tournament held in Slocomb. Included on the team are (Front row, l-r) Clay Kelley, Nicholas Johnson, Talon Flowers, Tanner Herrington, Tanner Hudson, Chase Moseley, (Back row, l-r) Harley Sanders, Grant Akridge, Jordan Kidd, Landon Carley, Avery Hanchey and Shawn Carter. (Submitted photo)



SHAWN CARNLEY... displays his "Home-Run" ball after hitting a home-run over the fence at a Coach-Pitch Baseball Tournament, in Slocomb. He is the son of Steve and Stacey Carnley. (Submitted photo)

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SPORTS

In baseball and softball

Elba All-Star teams announced

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced its "All-Star" teams for the upcoming tournaments in Dixie Baseball and Dixie Softball.

Following is a complete list of Elba All-Star teams:

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

Opening Date: June 30
Location: Zion Chapel
Avery Hanchey
Matthew Marler
Garrett Smith
Hayden Disotell
Cobe Goosby
Justin Kidd
Chance Johnson
Ty Stewart
Logan Bailey
Stone Collins
Justin Pope
John Ashley Amison
Kyson Edwards
Manager: Marty Marler
Coaches: Greg Bailey, Eddie Disotell, Dennis Smith

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

Opening Date: July 14
Location: Elba
Chace Sauls
Hayes Spicer
Jeremy Duncan
Dillon Seay
Jake Carnley
Harry Griffin
Seth Hanchey
Gunnar McCollough
Tyler Anderson
Austin Money
Jordan McDaniels
Austin Johnson
Bo Wiggins
Manager: Greg Hanchey
Coaches: Stevie Sauls, Rhett McCollough

DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

Opening Date: June 27
Location: Elba
Nick Stephenson
Justin Griswold
Austin Bryant
Seth Culverhouse
Lance Walden
Garrett Stinson
Corey Snellgrove
Josh Dease
Kyle Pope
Brock Lambert
Sandarius Reed
Charles Mallory
Justin McLaughlin
Manager: Don Pope
Coaches: Stevie Walden, Keith Bryant

DIXIE PRE-MAJORS ALL-STARS

Opening Date: July 1
Location: Opp
Ethan Mount
Matt Brunson
Bradley Wilson
Shane Adkinson
Joe Davis
Richard Cooks
Andrew Head
Zack Stephens
Ryan McCollough
Dylan McCollough
Kasey Grantham
Trey Knight

Will Mack takes checkered flag in Super Stock Feature

By Mark Chism

Will Mack scored a popular win Saturday night at South Alabama Speedway, taking the lead on lap 15 to take the win in the Super Stock Feature. Ryan Redmon took the early lead from the pole position. Buddy Pitts challenged Redmon early in the race. Pitts got inside of Redmon on lap six, but not enough to gain the position. As they entered turn one, Pitts had to get hard on the brakes to keep from wrecking both cars. The hard slide allowed Mack to get by to take over the second spot. Mack worked for the next eight laps to set up Redmon. As they

exited turn four to complete lap 14, Mack moved to the inside and completed the pass entering turn one. Once out front, Mack held a comfortable lead for the remainder of the caution-free race.
For more information, contact the track at (334)565-3539 or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamiaspeedway.com/
Results
Super Stock
1. Will Mack
2. Ryan Redmon
3. Buddy Pitts
Modified
1. Brett Hanson

2. Kevin Peel
3. Mike Daniels
Vintage
1. Teddy Sasser
2. Duane Bates
3. Clint Boggs
Roadrunner
1. Chris Wilkerson
2. John Singletary
3. Joe Bari
Coyote
1. Chris Salter
2. Dee Bucklew
3. James Hudson
CupLites
1. Jamie Bowers
2. Chris Lucas
3. Ken Younce Sr.

2006 YOUTH SPORTS - TEAM PICTURES

COACH-PITCH SOFTBALL TEE-BALL BASEBALL



MUDHENS - COACH-PITCH SOFTBALL



GRASSHOPPERS - COACH-PITCH SOFTBALL



BULLFROGS - TEE-BALL BASEBALL



SNAPPERS - TEE-BALL BASEBALL

Team pictures compliments of
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Larry Goodson attends advanced technology conference at Lawson State

Larry Goodson, automotive instructor at Elba Area Vocational School, just completed a conference on advanced, automotive technology.

The annual conference is hosted by the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence located on Lawson State Community College's Bessemer campus. Nearly 50 high school instructors from across the state participated in the 3-day event which was presented by Lawson State's General Motors ASEP, Ford ASEP and Toyota T-TEN instructors.

"The conference was a great opportunity for Mr. Goodson to network and learn what is on the horizon for his students," said Dr. Perry Ward, president of Lawson State.

The conference included sessions on Ford's communication networks and multiplexing

strategies; General Motors' newest engine technology; and Toyota's hybrid vehicle, the Prius.

The Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence is the flagship for the College's Bessemer campus. It not only serves the growing automotive industry in Alabama but across the southeast.

"For over 20 years the Bessemer campus has provided product specific classes for companies such as General Motors, Ford, Toyota, Mercedes-Benz and AC Delco," said Ward.

In addition to the manufacturer's programs, the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence also offers medium and heavy truck technology along with auto body and collision repair.



Larry Goodson (left), automotive instructor at Elba High School, is shown receiving his certificate for completing the conference on advanced, automotive technology from Tom Berryman, director of the Alabama Center for Automotive Excellence.

Elba General Hospital participates in AQAQ quality improvement program

Elba General Hospital is participating in a statewide program to improve patient care. Working in collaboration with AQAQ, Alabama's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization, Elba General is participating in the Systems Improvement and Organizational Change (SIOC) program.

The SIOC program's goal is to implement technology in the hospital like electronic health records, bar-coding, and telehealth and telemedicine, and to foster a more patient-centered culture.

"Elba General is truly committed to improving the quality

of care for its patients," said Debra Richardson, AQAQ's manager of hospital services. "By participating in these programs, it's improving the quality of patients' lives and helping to reduce health care costs in the long run."

Quality of care measures for all hospitals are tracked and reported publicly on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Home Health Compare Web site. To view Hospital Compare, visit <http://www.medicare.gov> and scroll down to select Compare Hospitals in Your Area under Search Tools.

Rep. Spicer & Sen. Holley seeking help for farmers

State Representative Terry Spicer and State Senator Jimmy Holley said today they have been in contact with the Governor's Office and the State Department of Agriculture and

industries to assess resources available to farmers in the Wiregrass area who have been hit hard by the ongoing drought. Many row crops, including peanuts, cotton, and corn, are on the verge of being wiped out unless the area sees substantial rainfall soon. The dry weather has hurt pastures and left cattle herds in need of feed.

Both Spicer and Holley have been working with local farmers and cattlemen groups, as well as the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service about the

growing problems. "Governor Bob Riley and State Agriculture Commissioner Ron Sparks are trying to find resources to provide hay and alternative feed for cattle," said Spicer. "They plan to meet with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns and ask for federal funding to implement the assistance program."

Spicer and Holley commended state officials for taking the lead in this effort and said they intend to fully support efforts to help out area farmers.

Holley said, "Agricultural crops, poultry and livestock will suffer tremendously if we don't get help soon."

UA engineering offers summer program for high school students

UA's College of Engineering will offer two weeklong sessions of the Student Introduction to Engineering program, known as SITE. The first session is scheduled for July 9-14, and the second will be July 16-21. About 40 students will be selected to participate in each session.

SITE students live in residence halls, engage in teaming exercises, and will tour the construction at Bryant-Denny

Stadium to see engineers at work. They attend mini-courses in mathematics, engineering, computer science and English, and take part in a design competition.

For additional SITE information, contact Bethany Forrest, coordinator of student recruitment, at 205/348-2547, bforrest@coe.eng.ua.edu or mlt@coe.eng.ua.edu.

In 1837, UA became the first university in the state to offer engineering classes and was one of the first five in the nation to do so. Today, the College of Engineering, with about 1,900 students and more than 90 faculty, is one of the three oldest continuously operating engineering programs in the country and has been fully accredited since accreditation standards were implemented in the 1930s.

Safety Recommendations for propane users in hurricane season

Federal officials are anticipating a stronger than average hurricane season and are urging Americans to be prepared when the storm season officially starts June 1. Safety should be a top priority in the face of weather emergencies and in most cases, local weather alerts offer time to make essential preparations before damaging storms hit.

For those homeowners relying on propane gas during hurricanes for heating, cooking and power needs, the Alabama Propane Gas Association (APGA) offers reminders on safely preparing for, and recovering from, these strong summer storms.

STORM PREPARATION:

- Properly secure propane tanks, if safe to do so.
- Turn off the gas supply valve in a clockwise direction at the tanks.
- Turn off the appliance pilot lights, control valves, and manual shut-off valves.
- Be sure there is an adequate supply of fuel in the tank.
- Consult local police, fire department, civil defense, and other authorities for suggested courses of action.
- Remember that propane tanks should NEVER be stored indoors.

STORM RECOVERY:

- If propane equipment has been flooded, be sure to shut off the service valve at the propane tank if you did not do so before flooding.
- Have the system and equipment/appliances checked by your propane supplier or a qualified technician before turning on the gas supply.
- Look for visible structural damage. If you smell gas upon returning to your home, business, or farm, be sure to extinguish all smoking materials and open flames. Exit the building immediately. Do not operate electrical switches, appliances, telephones, or cell phones because these can cause flames or sparks that can trigger a fire or explosion.
- If it is safe to do so, turn off the gas valves on the outside tank, meter, or service area. Contact your propane supplier and/or the fire department from an outside source. Do not re-enter the building until it has been inspected and the gas system and appliances have been checked by your propane supplier or a qualified technician.
- Propane-powered household appliances, farm equipment or vehicles with controls or regulators that have been underwater should be inspected by your propane supplier or a qualified technician before being put back into service.
- Damage to regulators and controls is a significant problem resulting from flooding. APGA recommends a complete inspection of the entire system by your propane supplier or a qualified technician because water damage to propane equipment and appliances is not always readily apparent.
- To learn about the role of propane in emergency preparedness and planning, including real-world stories from Hurricane Katrina, visit www.propanecan.com.
- More than 50 million Americans choose propane as their safe and reliable energy source. For more information, visit www.usepropane.com.

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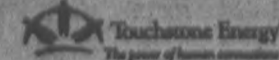
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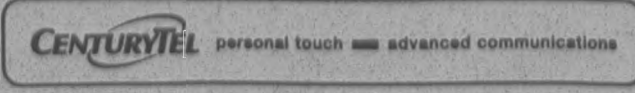
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COMMUNITY NEWS



The English, Foreign Languages and Communication Division of Enterprise-Ozark Community College recently recognized top students during the annual Honors Day Assembly. Pictured from left to right are Steven Brandon Holliday of Enterprise, Nathan H. Carter of Samson and EOCC Division Chairperson Linda Gordon.

Wallace Community College hosts NPF queens

Wallace Community College hosted the queens of the National Peanut Festival Friday, June 16, for Wallace Day, the official kickoff of the Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant.

Wallace Day is an orientation session for the 50 area queens and offers the first chance for the young ladies to meet each other. The girls also completed the written communications portion of pageant competition, which counts 15 percent of their overall score. The essays will be judged by the WCC English faculty, and the winner will receive a tuition scholarship to Wallace.

The highlight of the day is the unveiling of the official queens' t-shirt. This year's theme is "Peanut Pride." The t-shirts are the College's gift to the queens, and the girls will wear them at many official NPF functions.

Stuttering video now available at Elba Public Library

Kids who stutter have a lot to say, and friends can show them how in *Stuttering: For Kids by Kids*, a new DVD starring real kids who stutter now available at the Elba Public Library in Elba.

Many children who stutter have never met anyone else who struggles with the same disability. But in this new video from the Stuttering Foundation, they meet other kids who recount how they handle challenges such as teasing, speaking out in class, and teaching others about stuttering.

The children, who range in age from first-graders to high school students, offer frank and sometimes differing views of stuttering.

"Anyone interested in helping kids learn more about stuttering will want to see this tape," said speech-language pathologist Bill Murphy of Purdue University.

The video and DVD are available free of any charges to all public libraries. For more information, call the Stuttering Foundation toll-free at 800-992-9392, visit www.stutteringhelp.org, or write info@stutteringhelp.org.

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New Broxton High School Honor Rolls

FOURTH NINE WEEKS

"A" Honor Roll

7th Grade: Cailyn Bastion, Whitney Brantley, Alyssa Brown, Nathan Compher, Ja'michael Dunn, Brandi Hendrix, Heather Hendrix, Michael Potete and Steven Smith

8th Grade: Shelby Brown, Abby Dunaway, Justin Farris, Cassidy Moore, Adam Pope and Kelly Wood

9th Grade: Chelsea Dempsey, Erica Locklin and Jessica Parrish

10th Grade: Josh Adkinson, Kristine Fitzgerald, Daniel Kelley, Monica Largess, Bethany Milligan, Kendra Morris, Rachel Troyer and Beth Vaughan

11th Grade: Justin Corbett, Adam Crosby, Valerie Hutcherson, Andrea Proffitt and Ashley Tidwell

12th Grade: Brittany Donaldson, Whitney Donaldson, Emily Hardiman, Kayleigh Watson and Chelsea Wood

"A-B" Honor Roll

7th Grade: Jeremy Chappell, Brittany Clarke, Brittany Colburn, Robert Driggers, Aubrey Hawkins, Michael Haynes, Chelsea Holloway, Jeremy Johnson, Belinda Jones-Pitt, Hailey Lindsey, John Christian Morgan, Daniel Morris, Kimberly Perdue, Kayla Purvis and Courtney Williams

8th Grade: Dixi Boswell, Emily Bowers, Elizabeth Brewer, Seth Culverhouse, Justin Griswold, Logan Hall, Chase Hendrix, Skyler Lee, Letel Magwood, Tevin McNair, Eboune Muhammad, Nicole Roehrer, Sarah Sims, Josh Stanton, Lisa Taylor, Krista Thomas, Sawyer Whittaker and Kristin Wood

9th Grade: Kayla Farnon, Kayla Kerrigan, Charlie Kilcrease, Kim Kilpatrick, Brandon Lee, Alex Lee, Daniel Pair, Anna Beth Sawyer, Chelsea Smith and Vannessa Stuckey

10th Grade

Jacklyn Braxton, Shay Carpenter, Emilee Dunn, Andrew Fuller, Megan Grosland, Malory Meissner, Angel Miller, Aaron Pope, Josh Roberts, Kurtie Stanton and Brandi Taylor

11th Grade: Alexa Adams, Russell Burwell, Keith Evans, Brandon Griswold, Heath Hollis, Tyler Moore, Matt Rogers, Ashley Stanford, Tori Stone, Britanny Thomaston and Shelley Weeks

12th Grade: Chad Anderson, Vicki Baxley, Delores Bell, Anna Bryant, Ashley Caylor, Derrick Cook, Blake Drewery, Nicole Garrison, Stephen Hines, Brandi Howard, Brenna Motley, Katy Richardson, Georgia Smith and Lynndey Tillery

13th Grade: Stephanie Beavers, Dixi Boswell, Emily Bowers, Justin Griswold, Chase Hendrix, Skyler Lee, Letel Magwood, Tevin McNair, Eboune Muhammad, Melissa Osborn, Kyle Roehrer, Sarah Sims, Josh Stanton, Lisa Taylor, Krista Thomas and Sawyer Whittaker

14th Grade: Kayla Farnon, Maranda Foust, Amy Hill, Kayla Kerrigan, Brandon Lee, Daniel Pair and Vannessa Stuckey

SECOND SEMESTER

"A" Honor Roll

7th Grade: Cailyn Bastion, Whitney Brantley, Alyssa Brown, Ja'michael Dunn, Brandi Hendrix, Heather Hendrix, Chelsea Holloway, Belinda Jones-Pitt, Johnne Christian Morgan, Michael Potete, Steven Smith, Courtney Williams

8th Grade: Shelby Brown, Abby Dunaway, Justin Farris, Cassidy Moore, Adam Pope, Kelly Wood and Kristin Wood

9th Grade: Chelsea Dempsey, Charlie Kilcrease, Erica Locklin, Jessica Parrish, Anna Beth Sawyer and Chelsea Smith

10th Grade: Josh Adkinson, Daniel Kelley, Monica Largess, Bethany Milligan, Kendall Persin, Kurtie Stanton, Rachel Troyer and Beth Vaughan

11th Grade: Alexa Adams, Justin Corbett, Adam Crosby, Brandon Griswold, Valerie Hutcherson, Tyler Moore, Andrea Proffitt and Ashley Tidwell

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Thank You

I wish to thank everyone for their votes and expressions of support during the Primary elections. It also means a lot to me that my hometown carried me on the Republican ticket.

I lived outside of Coffee County for 35 years, returning in 1993 as Police Chief of Elba. I turned down a position as Marshal, Alabama Supreme Court, that paid a much better salary and would have been on the state retirement system.

I believe you voted for me because of my experience, certifications, qualifications, training and background in law enforcement, not because of where I resided in the county, the number of political signs or lack of them along the streets and roadways or how well connected I was.

"Romans 13"

M.J. (Jack) Parker

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Jack Parker, P.O. Box 637, Elba, Alabama 36623

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"I think this new law is going to affect me a lot," said Homyak. "There are some people that can't afford to do this (pay for sterilization)."

Because of this, Homyak said he encourages people interested in adopting a dog to do so before July 1st. Currently, he said there are approximately 30 dogs and/or puppies at the shelter available for adoption.

After the new law takes effect on July 1st, Homyak also said he plans to work with organizations to try and get help with the new law. He said the adoption of the animals will still be a priority for him.

"There are a lot of stray animals out there that are abandoned," Homyak said. "This law, hopefully, will control the pet population. On the downside, though, the law most likely will cause more of these animals to be euthanized rather than adopted."

Homyak said he is always ready and willing to complete the adoption of an animal from the shelter. To avoid the requirements of this new law, he said those interested in adopting a dog should contact him immedi-



This female dog and her puppies are among those currently available for adoption at the Animal Shelter in Elba. Animal control officer George Homyak hopes those interested in adopting but wanting to avoid the requirements of the new sterilization law (effective July 1st) will contact him. Homyak can be reached by calling the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

ately. After July 1st, he said the new law will be enforced.

Those interested in adopting a dog from the Elba Animal

Shelter should contact the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 and leave a message for Homyak.

Cost-share assistance program offered for prescribed burning

The Alabama Forestry Commission is announcing a cost-share assistance program for non-industrial private forest landowners. The program is designed to promote stewardship of Alabama's natural resources by encouraging landowners to begin a prescribed burning program on their forest lands. AFC will provide assistance to non-industrial private forest landowners for fire lanes and prescribed burning to reduce heavy fuel build-up areas, to improve wildlife

habitat, and to restore native species to Alabama's unique ecosystems of the State. A high risk for devastating fires and control hazards exists as a result of downed trees, salvage activities, and a trend of landowners' reluctance to burn.

This program is funded through a federal grant, the Forest Land Enhancement Program, as authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill.

The sign-up period for the Alabama Forestry Commission Prescribed Burning Program is

June 14 - July 14, 2006 at local Forestry Commission offices. Contact your local AFC office or call the Landowner Assistance State Coordinator, Arthur Hitt, at 334-240-9323 for more information.

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located and are able to connect with their assets."

Ivey encourages all Alabamians to search for their names on the Unclaimed Property database by visiting her website at www.treasury.alabama.gov. Claims may be filed online or by calling the treasurer's office and requesting a claim form. The unclaimed property division of the treasurer's office can be reached toll free at 1-888-844-8400.

"Get online or call us, and if you find your name and can prove you are who you say you are, we'll be happy to send you a check," Ivey said.

News from ZC Schools:

NOTICE TO STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE Summer Reading Program at Zion Chapel Schools: The assigned reading books will be available for purchase at Books-A-Million on Friday, June 16, or can be purchased at the school.

ZION CHAPEL SCHOOLS currently is accepting pre-orders for Academic Achievement t-shirts. Those interested in purchasing a t-shirt (\$10) should contact Julie Norris at the school at (334) 897-6275.

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In support of Elba Community Playground
Deadline to purchase tickets to "Picnic for the Park" nears

The countdown to build week continues for the Elba Community Playground, and playground committee members hope an upcoming event will create even more excitement for the project.

"Picnic for the Park" will be held Thursday, June 29, at the Elba High School cafeteria, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event will offer interested citizens of all ages an opportunity to learn specific details regarding the project while also helping to raise additional needed funds for the playground and build enthusiasm about the upcoming build week where many volunteers from the community will be needed to build the playground.

"Picnic" tables will be arranged within the high school's cafeteria, and a meal of grilled hamburgers with delicious sides will be served. Individual tickets are available for purchase at \$20 per plate. Also, a special section will be reserved for children (age 12 and below) for a lesser amount at \$10 per child featuring grilled hot dogs.

Playground committee members feel "Picnic for the Park" will be an ideal time for churches, organizations, co-workers,

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In regards to medical emergency response time

Resident asks commissioners to consider his part of the county

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners met Monday morning, June 26, for their regular bimonthly meeting and found one resident making a plea for consideration regarding medical emergency response.

Dr. Rex Mixson, a resident of County Road 143, began his remarks to commissioners by indicating his appreciation for their loyal service and dedication to the people of Coffee

County. After spending about 50 years in ministry, he said he returned home to Coffee County. At the time he said his wife suffered from cancer, and now she also suffers from neuropathy.

Mixson also spoke of several neighbors with health problems paving the way for his plea regarding medical emergency response.

"I come to plead that you give serious consideration to our area of the county," he said. "I ask

you to reach into the purse of your heart and soul and see where we come from."

Mixson said there are lost of elderly citizens in his area of the county, and they are scared. More particularly, he said they are worried about the amount of time it takes for medical emergency response to reach them in time of need.

Mixson said in the past emergency response has come from Elba, and he said it simply takes too long for the response to get there. He spoke of a time his wife needed medical attention and said if he had dialed 9